

For this assignment you will be creating a barebones window using the Windows API and then setting up a rudimentary rendering system that will be implemented using D3D11. Follow the provided steps and ask for help or clarification on anything you need.

### 1. Walkthrough: Create a traditional Windows Desktop application

- Read and complete this tutorial on creating a simple window using the Windows API.
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/windows/walkthrough-creating-windows-desktop-applications-cpp>
- Test your code from the tutorial before proceeding

### 2. Modify Your Window Code

- Remove the case for handling the WM\_PAINT message in the WndProc.
- Change the initial window dimensions to have a 16:9 aspect ratio.
- Modify WinMain to Launch a Console Window
  - Add this code Immediately before the call to CreateWindow.
  - This will spawn a console at start-up with our window when in debug mode.

```
#ifndef NDEBUG
AllocConsole();
FILE* new_std_in_out;
freopen_s(&new_std_in_out, "CONOUT$", "w", stdout);
freopen_s(&new_std_in_out, "CONIN$", "r", stdin);
std::cout << "Hello world!\n";    // Don't forget to include <iostream>
#endif
```

- Add the following code immediately before the final return in the WinMain function:

```
#ifndef NDEBUG
FreeConsole();
#endif
```

- Modify your main message loop to be nonblocking.
  - The default main message loop uses a blocking function call, GetMessage(...). This will cause the window to only update if an event/message is received. For complex games where battery life is not a concern, a non-blocking loop is preferable. This allows us to update as quickly as possible and to maximize our use of the hardware. Replace the main message loop as follows.

```
// Main message loop:
while (GetMessage(&msg, nullptr, 0, 0))
{
    TranslateMessage(&msg);
    DispatchMessage(&msg);
}
```

```
// Main application loop:
while (true)
{
    // Process all messages, stop on WM_QUIT
    if(PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        // WM_QUIT does not need to be // translated or dispatched
        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            break;
        // Translates messages and sends them to WndProc
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
    else
    {
        // In the future, do per frame/tick updates here...
    }
}
```

### 3. Review the Provided Base Code

- math\_types.h
  - Provides flexible definitions for vector and matrix types.
- view.h
  - Defines a simple “view” type. Think of this as a generalization of a camera class. Can be used for a camera, or another type of view like a shadowmapping light source. This type will be very simple for now.
- renderer.h
  - Defines the interface for the renderer. This interface is simple, high-level, and platform independent. It should have no knowledge of graphics API specific functions and types. This type will be very simple for now.
- d3d11\_renderer\_impl.h
  - Defines the implementation for the renderer. The majority of your remaining work for this assignment will be done here. This header must only be included by renderer.cpp.

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### Implement the Renderer

- Create an instance of the renderer class within Winmain, before entering the main loop.
- Within the main loop, if no message is processed then have the renderer draw the scene.
- Setup the D3D11 Renderer Implementation
- Within d3d11\_renderer\_impl.h complete the following steps
  - Create Device and Immediate Context
    - Clear the backbuffer to a color other than white or black and present it
    - Reference:
      - How To: Create a Device and Immediate Context
      - [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476879\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476879(v=vs.85).aspx)
- Create Vertex and Pixel Shaders
  - Use vs\_cube.hlsl and ps\_cube.hlsl
  - Reference:
    - Compiling Shaders
    - [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/bb509633\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/bb509633(v=vs.85).aspx)
    - ID3D11Device::CreateVertexShader method
    - [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476524\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476524(v=vs.85).aspx)
- Create Constant Buffer
  - Reference:
    - How to: Create a Constant Buffer
    - [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476896\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ff476896(v=vs.85).aspx)